Great Project Ideas



These projects can provide a fun & meaningful way for your students to learn about recycling & how to "Think Globally, Act Locally." Use them as a starting point to think about a project for community service or a Johnie Forte Jr. Grant!

Recycling Aluminum Cans

Improve the quality of life for young burn survivors & their families by taking aluminum cans to a local fire station. Each can earns about ½¢ for the Aluminum Cans for Burned Children program (ACBC). ACBC uses the funds for research, fun residential camps for the kids, and other activities. To learn more, visit www.acbcprogram.org.

Reduce-Reuse-Recycle Field Day Guide

"An innovative, easy and fun way to incorporate environmental learning, creative thinking, and physical education in an SOL-based one-day event." This guide provides plans for a classic field day with a great message. The activities can be adapted for individual physical education class periods, & the Virginia Standards of Learning are applied.

Call 703-324-5288 for info.

Soil & Water Conservation

- Show students how land use affects our lakes & streams. The Northern Virginia Soil and Water Conservation District will train teachers to use Enviroscape, an interactive watershed model. Trained teachers are welcome to borrow the model for classroom demonstrations. Learn more at www.fairfaxcounty.gov/nvswcd/enviroscape.htm.
- Subscribe to Conservation Currents, the free bimonthly newsletter of the Northern Virginia Soil and Water Conservation District. E-mail conservationdistrict @fairfaxcounty.gov or read selected articles online at www.fairfaxcounty.gov/nvswcd/newsletter.htm.
- Get your high school students involved in monitoring the health of a stream near your school. The Northern Virginia Soil & Water Conservation District trains volunteers to assess ecological conditions in streams based on the absence/presence of benthic macroinvertebrates (aquatic insects). Call 703.324.1425 or visit www.fairfaxcounty.gov/nvswcd/monitoring.htm.